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Famcamp, Nature
Center closes

The Family Campground, or Famcamp, and the Spaulding Nature Center are closed temporarily while the Center’s Environmental Management Directorate conducts the investigation and clean-up of an off-base debris pit containing World War II era munitions.

The investigation phase is currently underway to identify munitions and soil contamination in Hunting Area D. Closure of FamCamp and the Nature Center are necessary to ensure public safety during the project’s removal phase when munitions are removed or destroyed.

Roads and trails within the established safety zone will be barricaded and posted with signs warning against unauthorized entry.

In the event munitions are destroyed in place, an extended safety zone of up to 2,500 feet could be established which could temporarily close the Horse Stables, Dog Kennel, or the Lodge at Luna Lake for short durations.

The project is part of the base Environmental Restoration Program whose mission is to protect human health and the environment by cleaning up sites where past activities created contamination.

The cleanup should be completed by the end of May, according to EM officials.

— From staff reports

Message
to the
TROOPS



Kennie Wade
Project manager
BCI/RJB Inc

“I would like to take this opportunity to tell all of our troops over there we miss you, we love you and we are praying for you. God Bless you. Especially to Sgt. Kevin Johnson on behalf of myself, Rhonda and the congregation. We are looking forward to you coming back.”

U.S. Air Force image by Ed Aspera

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116th comes home

By Airman 1st Class
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116th Air Control Wing Public
Affairs

People smiling, children laughing and spouses hugging has been the scene on the Joint STARS flight line recently.

The 116th Air Control Wing has had about 250 JSTARS members return from deployment since the first jet landed May 2.

Since then, six more aircraft have returned with 116th troops, who have been supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Members of the wing have been trickling in one and two aircraft at a time, after what was for some, a long deployment.

“This was my first deployment, and it was a pretty long one,” said Airman 1st Class Geno Yerdon, from the 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. “I just tried to stay busy and not think about coming home, which made the time go by much faster.”

Although the troops agreed it was nice to be home, they all were proud to have defended their country.

“I was happy to be over there supporting OIF - after all, it is my job,” said Yerdon, who returned May 7. “But I have been gone since the middle of January, so it feels great to be home.”

The feeling on the flight line was gut wrenching for some to watch, as a JSTARS lieutenant walked off the plane and saw his son for the first time.

Happy tears streamed down the faces of many who looked on as 2nd Lt. Eric Smith, of the 12th ACCS, held his newborn son Jett in his arms.

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U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
1st Lt. Clayton Laughlin is thrilled to get a hug from son Jack. Laughlin was one of nearly 100 members who returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom Monday.



Shuji Gillis, 3, is overcome by emotion as he greets his father, Capt. Kouji Gillis of the 116th Air Control Wing. Capt. Gillis returned home to Robins aboard one of the unit's E-8 JSTARS surveillance aircraft after being deployed 'somewhere in the Middle East' in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Tim Beckham

Promoting morale, welfare

Community, businesses come through for military families

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The Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee Morale and Welfare campaign, with the help of local businesses

is making a big difference in the lives of military families.

Helping bring joy into the lives of those at home, the campaign has helped raise tens of thousands of dollars in cash and in-kind donations such as entertain-

ment and food coupons to help cut down on some of the stresses for families of deployed military members.

According to Pat Bartness, Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce chairman, the idea of the program is to take care of spouses while their husbands or wives are deployed to care of us.

“We have raised almost \$40,000 for

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Feeling the burn

Leaning old process increases productivity in Avionics division

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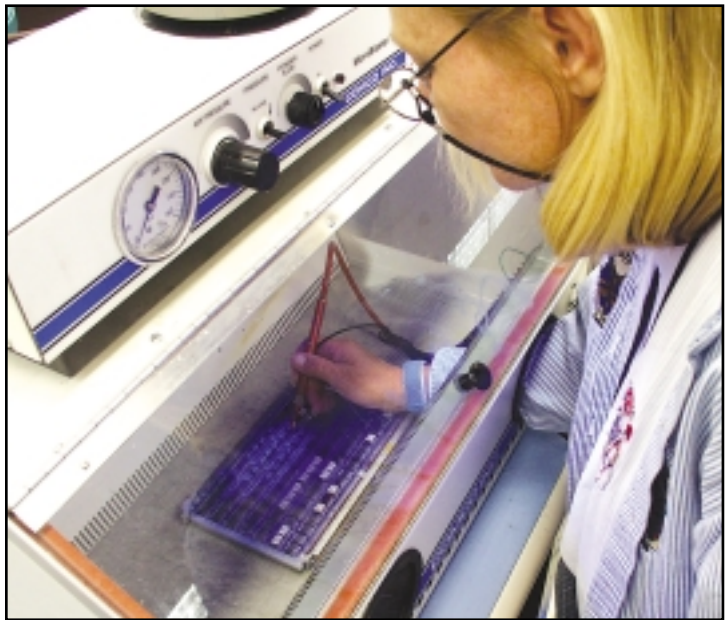
Workers in the Avionics and Instruments Division of the Directorate of Maintenance are feeling the burn as they implement Lean into a process that cuts repair time from 22 hours to 90 minutes.

Employees from the division’s F-15 displays and instruments repair line teamed with the F-15 System Program Office and

avionics support engineers to improve repair productivity of the F-15 APG-63 digital data processor sub-components leading to a 600 percent increase in turnover.

Circuit cards needing repair and soldering arrive with a coating of parylene. In the past, removal of the parylene coating was achieved by using small dental picks and exacto

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Submitted photo
Betty Nipper removes parylene using a micro blaster, which cuts repair time of some subcomponents from 22 hours to 90 minutes. Tracers in the parylene show up as a light purple under black lights.

MSEP: Robins raises the bar

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The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center doubled its strengths and cut its weaknesses garnering high marks and praise during this year’s Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program inspection.

In Monday’s executive out-brief, Center leadership learned that the center received an impressive overall 97.3 percent compliance rating, reduced its number of deficiencies from last year by almost 75 percent and raised the bar for the remaining ALCs awaiting inspection.

“The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center has made excellent progress since last year’s MSEP,” said Col. Marv Cook, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command IG team lead. “The Lean initiatives and reorganization of all aircraft maintenance into a single directorate have been highly successful in pushing the divisions into the compliance mode and also brought about production efficiencies and team building.”

Jim Culpepper, Maintenance director, was very pleased with the team’s findings for his newly reorganized directorate, and thanked all his personnel for a job well done.

“I think it is very important that we were able to be ready for MSEP, do as well as we did and continue to meet and exceed production in support of the troops in the field,” he said. “This says a lot about our daily activities — we are doing what we need to do each day to support production and do it right.”

He said MA should be pleased with what it has accomplished.

“The findings that were made will help us improve our focus one more time and take that next step to become the absolute best maintenance organization there is,” he said. “Quality production on time is what we do — we have shown that we can continue to improve and become world class.”

Cook said during the inspection he observed very clean and organized areas populated with motivated and well-trained personnel.

“Overall, I would say the WR-ALC has set the bar very high for the beginning of round four of the MSEP schedule,” he said.

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, commended the ALC work force for their performance.

“The product directorates and Air Base Wing provided their usual superb support to the inspectors,” he said.

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Culpepper

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this effort and we are proud of Middle Georgia area businesses and others who have helped in this endeavor,” he said.

Flint Electric presented a check for \$25,000 to Bartness Tuesday to aid in the campaign.

“Robins is our economic engine, but our military families are its heart,” said Joe Cade, Flint Energies president and CEO, “When they hurt, it affects us all.”

The Comedy Café also presented a check for \$10,000 to Chip Cherry, Macon Chamber of Commerce president.

Cherry said it’s wonderful when a community can come together and do something like this.

“The last thing deployed troops need to worry about is if their families are being taken care of,” he said. “So it is our goal to take away those worries. This is just a small way that we, as a community, can give back.”

Mike Smith, Comedy Café owner, said he wishes they could do more.

Smith also presented Cherry with 500 free coupon booklets for the Comedy Café and 2,000 free coupons for admission for four to Olympia Skating in Warner Robins and Macon.

Mike Dyer, MGMAC chairman, said



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

At left, the Comedy Café presents a \$10,000 check to the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee. From left to right are Ann Williams, Mike Smith, Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Mike Dyer and Chip Cherry. At right, Flint Electric presents a \$25,000 check to the committee. From left to right are Pat Bartness, Janis Wiggins, Bob Ray, F. Ronnie Sanders, Wetekam, Joe Cade and Jimmy Autry.

the entire campaign has been a success.

“Everyone has stepped up to the plate, and the chest is full,” he said. “No one is going to go without anything they need.”

Cindy Graver, of the Family Support Center, said this program is giving the spouses just what they need.

“Items spouses have asked for that have been delivered are food coupons, recreational passes and postage,” she said. “The postage helps to defray the high cost of mailing packages overseas.”

Spouses can come by the FSC and pick up any of those items every 30 days. The food coupons are available for more than 10 Macon and Warner Robins restaurants.

What to know:

The Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee, chaired by Mike Dyer, General Manager, Cox Communications, is a committee of local leaders of nine surrounding communities. Their mission is to increase community understanding of the Air Force's mission, to support military member needs and to make “Every Day In Middle Georgia Is Air Force Appreciation Day.”

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knives. During that process, the circuit boards were often further damaged.

Abe Banks, change agent, said those working the process knew there had to be a better, more efficient way. A team made up of Victor Slaw, line supervisor; Lee Wright, Lean facilitator; Lee Pope, test station worker; Betty Nipper, bench worker; Jim Bon, engineer; Billy Shirley, engineer; William Hale, engineer; and Brenda Sutton, item manager, got together and found the solution. Even better, the equipment they needed was already in house, and thus no money outlay was necessary.

Those performing the work now use a micro blaster to remove the coating. They have also discovered that the parylene has a tracer element that shows up as a light pur-

ple color under black light. A black light, installed in the micro blaster, lets the worker know at a glance if all of the coating has been removed.

“Before, we sat with a pick and scraped for two days at least,” said Pope. “Now, with the blaster, within 90 minutes you can have the board cleaned off.”

With the addition of a new microscope, workers are now better able to magnify circuit boards.

Previously, they used a magnifying glass and standard two-eye microscope. That put strain on their backs and shoulders, and didn’t allow enough room for the boards to be worked on under the scope.

The new microscope has a single viewing window and allows room under the lens for work to be performed with less-strained viewing.

“Before, flaws were hard to find with the magnifying glass. But with the scope,

you can find (flaws) right off,” Pope said.

Nipper agreed.

“You can get a better view, so you can do a better job,” she said. “It’s a good process. I love it. It makes things go a lot faster and is much easier to work with. It’s the best thing since Cracker Jacks.”

Banks also pointed out that the new system is more ergonomic for the users.

“This is a lot less strain on me physically,” Nipper said. “There is less strain on the eyes, shoulders and back. Now you can actually inspect as you do the work so we get the quality and don’t suffer the consequences.”

“Ergonomically you can’t beat it,” Pope said. “There’s no comparison.”

In one week, the Lean event showed promising results, said Banks.

“I think this is an example of pulling the right folks together, using their collective knowledge and applying

Lean principles,” he said. “In a brainstorming environment, we were able to bring the pieces of the puzzle together. By bringing the people with the knowledge of the process together, we were able to achieve dramatic results in one week.”

He said the team estimates that repair line production will go from one asset per day to more than six per day and that current outstanding back orders will be burned down in about four months.

“One lesson learned out of this is, don’t believe everything you hear,” said Wright. Some on the team had considered using the micro blasting technique before, but were told it wouldn’t work. A change of the abrasive used made the difference.

“We had a good team, and they were willing to try something new,” said Wright.



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Airman 1st Class Mike McLees gets a warm welcome from Shannon Jarvis Monday. More than 250 members of the 116th have returned since May 2.

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The JSTARS patriots have been coming home in groups of 20-40, but Monday nearly 100 troops made their way home, and emotions on the JSTARS ramp ran high.

Family members were waving flags, holding signs and wearing red, white and blue to show support for their loved ones getting off the two C-130s.

The 116th troops all agreed that it was great to have a heroes’ homecoming after an operation that meant so much to the United States.

“I am incredibly proud of each and every member of the 116th ACW. Those who deployed in support of OIF played a key role in

the coalition’s success in liberating the Iraqi people. We may never know just how many lives were saved due to their superb efforts. This was the first operational test for our blended wing, and these people aced it,” said Col. James Jones, commander of the 116th Operations Group. “In addition, those who did not get the opportunity to deploy did a magnificent job sustaining normal training requirements with minimum resources. While I am very grateful many of our people are back with their families, our thoughts remain with the many members of the wing who remain deployed in support of the continuing global war on terrorism.”

There are about 300 JSTARS members still deployed supporting OIF, according to officials.

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U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp
Airman 1st Class Paige Williams holds up the new common access card.

PKI office schedules smart card training

By Master Sgt. Michael P. Davis
78th Communications Squadron

The Air Force Public Key Infrastructure Program Office will provide a series of training sessions next week concerning PKI and the new Common Access Cards being issued throughout the Department of Defense.

There will be five 45-minute PKI-CAC Awareness Orientation sessions at the base theater Monday through Thursday at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. and at 1:30 and 3 p.m..

The goal is to give users an understanding of what PKI is, and why it's being implemented. The use of the PKI signature and encryption process that uses a pair of digital keys will also be explained.

CAC features, guidance on registering individual PKI certificates and procedures for configuring computers for secure e-mail will be covered.

The trainer will explain how certain standard business processes must be adjusted to coincide with the CAC and CAC readers.

Active duty Air Force members, active Guard and Reserve members, DoD civilians and selected contractors eligible for the cards should attend, including those who have not yet received their cards.

Organizations have been given schedules for the days and times they should attend. Anyone who doesn't have an appointment may call 926-7976.

Camellia Gardens service Thursday

More than 80 departed military and civilian members of the Robins Air Force Base family will be memorialized Thursday at the 27th annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service.

The service, a tradition rooted in a partnership between Robins, the Middle Georgia Camellia Society and the Warner Robins Chamber of Commerce, will be at 10 a.m. at the garden, which is across from the officers' club.

If it rains, the ceremony will be held at the base chapel.

The names of the honorees for 2003 will be added to others whose names are displayed on gold plaques on the garden's memorial wall.

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Starbase Robins offers summer programs

The Museum of Aviation will offer summer academies focused on computers, science, technology and robotics.

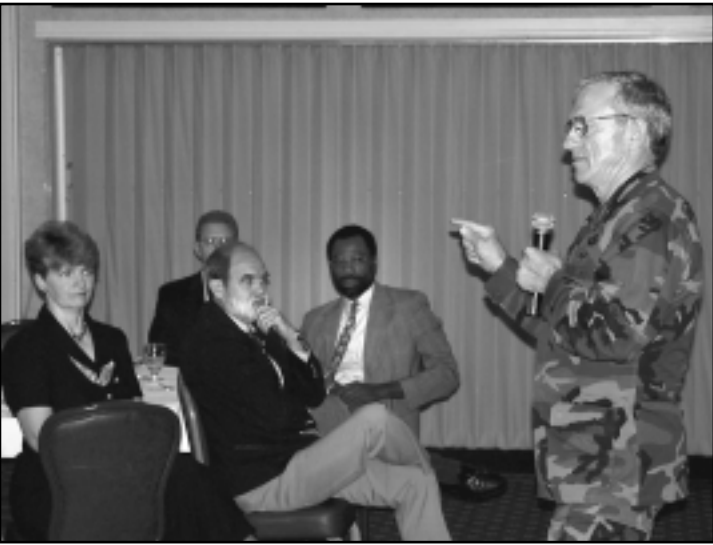
Students entering grades 6 - 8 in the fall are eligible for the Starbase Robins Computer and Science Academy. The week-long academy will be held June 2 - 6 and June 16 - 20. The cost of the academy is \$100 per student.

The Starbase Robins Robotics Academy, open to seventh- and eighth-graders, will be held July 7-11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost of the academy is \$125 per student.

For a registration form, go to <http://home.earthlink.net/~starbase3>, or contact Martha Lockhart at 926-1769.

— *From staff reports*

Sehorn speaks at luncheon



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

The Federal Managers Association's Chapter 121 had its luncheon meeting May 7 at the Robins Officer's Club. The speaker was the State of Georgia's first inspector general, retired Air Force Brig. Gen. James Sehorn. A command pilot with more than 6,200 flying hours, Sehorn was a Vietnam prisoner of war for more than 5 years. In his IG role, Sehorn promotes accountability and integrity in state government. He investigates allegations of fraud, abuse, waste, corruption, illegal acts and abuse in the executive branch of the state government.

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Above, Pat McCoy makes some last-minute adjustments to 10-year-old Aaron Rumsey's costume. He will portray young Orville Wright. McCoy provides costumes for the Perry Players and the Macon and Warner Robins Little Theaters. Right, Capt. Mike Cashman shows off the outfit he'll wear when he portrays Wilbur Wright during Tuesday's Tattoo ceremony at the Museum of Aviation. The ceremony is open to all military, retirees, government employees and family members.

'Turn off the taps'

■Tattoo Ceremony at Museum of Aviation Tuesday

The Tattoo Ceremony, according to legend, began more than 300 years ago during the reign of King William III and Mary II (1689-1702) of Great Britain.

English soldiers serving during a war in the Netherlands were fond of spending evenings in the local inns and pubs. Each evening, when the time came for the soldiers to return to the towns and hamlets where they were quartered, drummers would march through the streets to let the soldiers know it was time to end their evening's activities.

Likewise, this was a signal to the Dutch innkeepers to stop pouring ale. In their own language, the Dutch drummers would say "doe den tap toe" which meant "turn off the taps."

Usually the intoxicated soldiers heard only the last two words and soon adapted the Dutch phrase into their own English language - "tap toe" became "tattoo."

The custom grew over the years, and more musicians were added. By the 19th century, complete bands played for the whole army, corps, division, battalion, regiment or garrison. Thus, the English tradition of the solemn military Tattoo was established.



Being spawned from English society, law and traditions as well as being an old, close ally, the U.S. military also adopted the Tattoo early in the 20th century with all of its pomp and reverence.

The solemn Tattoo ritual of the British military has been embraced by the American military, and honors the long-standing Anglo-American alliance of the two nations whose armed forces' missions have always been to defend and preserve their countries principles and institutions of equality, justice and democracy.

Directions for attending this year's ceremony

This year's Tattoo ceremony will be held Tuesday at the Museum of Aviation Amphitheatre at 8:15 p.m.

The ceremony is open to all military, retirees, government employees and family members. This year's theme is the Centennial of Flight, and will feature the Wright Brothers' Flyer; Lindbergh Crossing the Atlantic; WWII: Burma "The Hump;" Breaking the Sound Barrier, and Space: "Then, Now, and Beyond."

This year's featured guest is Gen. Lester L. Lyles, Air Force Material Command commander. Entertainment will be provided by the U.S. Air Force Reserve Pipe Band, the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve and the 82nd Airborne Division's All-American Chorus.

Parking is available at the Museum and at Buildings 905 (library) and 955 (CEG). Shuttle service will be provided to and from Building 905 to the Museum of Aviation from 6:40 to 8 p.m. and from the Museum of Aviation to Building 905 from 9:40 p.m. through last pick-up. Those attending the ceremony are encouraged to carpool with family, friends and neighbors. Seating will be provided; don't bring lawn chairs. The following security measures are in effect at the museum: A photo ID (military ID, driver's license or passport) is required to gain entry at the Museum entrance; all vehicles are subject to search, and no backpacks or coolers are permitted. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Century of Flight Museum.

Lending a helping hand

Proceeds from a raffle to raise money for Scott Whitaker, a 33-year-old aircraft sheet metal mechanic in the F-15 production branch, surprised even the event's coordinators. May 9, Whitaker, who was diagnosed with Astrocytoma - a tumor located on the left side of his brain, was presented with a check for \$10,000 from co-workers and others from around the Center.

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Taking a deep breath and walking bravely forward, April Whitaker gave a tear-filled thanks to the hundreds of strangers and friends alike whose recent actions have made them members of her extended family.

Looking out on the faces of more than 100 in attendance, she said she didn't know where to begin.

"Ninety-five percent of you don't even know us, but you've opened your hearts and pockets making our lives a little bit easier," she said. "To all of you - you are family - and we appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts."

Ellen Griffith, F-15 deputy chief, presented the check to the Whitakers.

"It's a privilege for us to do this for you," she said.

Scott, who was also surprised to see the amount raised, mirrored his wife's comments.

"The outpouring of support has been overwhelming," he said.

Col. George Ireland, F-15 production branch chief, said the efforts made by the F-15 division and the base shows support for one of their own.

"Scott is a strong family man with strong family values," he said. "When we heard what was going on with Scott, we felt the concern that a family feels."

Steve Rodgers, an F-15 hydraulic mechanic and coordinator of the raffle, thanked the leave donors, those who prayed and those who gave other donations.

"This was a team effort from the bottom to the top," he said. "I didn't know Scott eight weeks ago, but God puts someone in your life for a reason."

Paul Leonardi, F-15 avionics mechanic, was one of the raffle's winners but said winning a prize was the



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Scott and April Whitaker attend a raffle last week where they accepted a check to help cover expenses associated with Scott's illness.

furthest thing from his mind when he bought tickets.

"When people need help, it's our duty as Americans to help," he said. "And people who work together should all take care of each other. I could be sick myself one day, and I should hope that maybe this would happen for me. That's why I do it."

Scott's parents made a trip from Hawkinsville for the event.

"Scott's strength and our strength comes straight from God," said Linda Whitaker, Scott's mother. "He leads us every day, and we just hope and pray that everyone here is blessed 10 times over for every small thing they did."

Though the outpouring of donations and prayers has helped the family tremendously, Scott said they are in a watching pattern right now.

He is scheduled for an MRI in early June where the tumor's size will be measured to see if it has grown. Scott said if there has been any growth, he will have to undergo surgery.

According to Scott, with the tumor's location and grade, two on a scale of four, there is a 100 percent chance that some faculty will be impaired after surgery.

Commissaries adopt new coupon policy

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ROBINS IN BRIEF

FORT LEE, Va. — Commissaries will start enforcing new policy revisions June 1 that limit coupon use to only one per item unless otherwise specified on a coupon.

"We still gladly welcome the use of coupons. We're only limiting the number of coupons a customer can use per item to what is specifically stated on the coupons. If the coupons state more than one per item can be used, then we'll accept them. If it doesn't, then we'll accept only one per item," said Bob Vitikacs, the Defense Commissary Agency's executive director for operations and product support.

The revised DeCA policy more accurately reflects manufacturers' intent for coupon use, which has always been one coupon per item unless otherwise stated, Vitikacs said. Under the new policy, customers can still take advantage of multiple couponing, but only through sales specifically allowing the practice.

Space Camp taking applications

The Air Force Space Camp, held in Huntsville,

Ala., is taking applications for youth ages 12-18 through June 3.

Applications will be forwarded to an impartial selection committee for selection. The program is open to all youth eligible to use the Air Force youth program who are interested in learning more about space and aviation and possibly pursuing an Air Force career. The space camp will be held from Aug.2 through 8. For more information, contact Marvin Hawkins at 926-5601.

Motorcycle training

Motorcycle Safety Training at European assignments is now required every three years. The USAFE Commander has directed all military motorcyclists to take motorcycle safety training if it has been more than three years since the last time the training was completed. The training must be repeated every three year. If you are PCSing to USAFE, consider signing up and taking the motorcycle training while still at Robins. Sign up through 78th Security Forces Pass and ID. For more information, contact the WR-ALC/Safety Office, 926-6271.

LOA hosts Center commander



Submitted photo

The Robins chapter of Logistics Officer Association recently hosted Maj. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, Center commander, and Howard Chambers, vice president and general manager of Air Force Airlift and Tanker Programs for Boeing Integrated Defense Systems, at a "lunch and learn." From left to right are Col. Paul Dunbar, Howard Chambers, Wetekam and Maj. Mike Mistretta, LOA president.

LEAVE/ TRANSFER

The following people have been approved for the leave transfer program.

■Joseph Menina, WR-ALC/MANMP. Point of contact is Tracy Wilcox 926-5145.

■Daphne A. Kelley, 78th MDG/SGPFO. Point of contact is Sheila Steele 327-8390 or Linda Bennett 327-7597.

■Linda Walton, LECB. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697 ext. 172.

■Rosalyn Karen Wimberley, LEACA. Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697 ext. 172.

■Tina Lilly, LESG Point of contact is Nancy Garrison 926-7697 ext. 172.

Nominations for degree completion program due

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The 78th Mission Support Squadron’s Education and Training Flight is accepting nominations for the Long-Term, Full-Time Degree Program that funds tuition, books and lab fees for accredited courses leading to a master’s degree or completion of the final year of undergraduate requirements.

The program is limited to Air Force Materiel Command civilians assigned to the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. There are no grade or position restrictions. Deadline for submissions is June 4.

Nomination instructions can be obtained from directorate training monitors or on the Education and Training Flight’s Web page at: <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/mss/dpe/800x600.htm>.

Those selected for the program will be released from duty to attend classes full time for up to 12 consecutive months beginning with the fall session in August. The degree must be applicable to the individual’s career field. Funding will not be provided for doctorate, second masters, second undergraduate or associate degrees.

Basic eligibility requirements:

■Nominee must be able to complete their program of study within 12 months after the first day of the first enrollment period.

■Nominee must be accepted into a degree program (preferably enrolled and completed several courses) and program must be classified as full-time by the accredited college/university being attended.

■Nominee must have five consecutive years or more of federal civilian service (excluding military service).

■Nominee cannot have attended another long-term, full-time training opportunity within the past three years.

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“Thanks to all of you and your people for the fine effort.”

Wetekam said the real kudos go to the MA Directorate and Combat Logistics Support Squadron who were the folks under the microscope.

“The positive results reinforced many of the benefits we’ve already seen from our Lean conversion and MA reorganization,” Wetekam said.” Despite the fact that we were the first ALC to be inspected this year and didn’t have the benefit of knowing the results from the other ALCs, we managed to exceed last year’s results.”

He said he is pleased with the results, but not satisfied.

“I won’t be satisfied until the entire Center scores like the 653rd CLSS.”

“My hat is off to all of our people who worked so hard in preparing for this while, at the same time, ramping up production to support Operation Iraqi Freedom,” said Wetekam. “You all make me proud to serve as your commander. Well done.”

Col. William Saunders, Center inspector general, also thanked Team Robins for a job well done.

Outstanding performers

The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, which made history last year as the first organization to receive a 100 percent compliance rating, has done it again.

“As the bar continues to rise, you continue to perform,” said Col. “Doc” Warr, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command Inspector General. “We applaud you,

MSEP at a glance

■ 97.3 percent compliance rating, up from last year’s 97.1 percent.

■Three areas rated “not in compliance” compared with 11 last year.

■Findings down slightly (from 77 to 72) and deficiencies down by a huge margin (from 168 to 45).

■Nine strengths this year compared to four last year.

■CLSS had no discrepancies for the second year in a row.

■There were 117 findings and deficiencies – Last year there were 245.

■Major problem areas in tech data, contract management, and aircraft forms have been corrected.

100 percent is an outstanding job.”

Lt. Col. Stacy M. Boudreaux, 653rd CLSS commander, lauded his team.

“We set a goal last year to have a repeat performance and to continue our high level of quality, and it feels great to be able to achieve that,” he said. “We are very proud of the efforts our folks put forward to keep our programs on track.”

Despite more than half the squadron being deployed, they were able to keep all programs on track.

“What this indicates is our continued commitment to excellence and performance,” Boudreaux said.

The MSEP team also recognized 16 outstanding employees for their individual performance and 47employees from seven teams across the Center.

School board meets May 27

Robins Air Force Base School Board will meet 4 p.m. May 27 at Robins Elementary School, Bldg. 988. The public is invited to attend.

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116th ACW Top 3: Supporting the enlisted force, the wing and Robins

By 116th Air Control Wing Top 3

The 116th Air Control Wing Top 3 Association constitution presents a clear purpose: “To dedicate continuous effort to advance the strength and establish a cohesive group of senior noncommissioned officers to address the concerns and better the morale of the enlisted force assigned to the 116th Air Control Wing.”

Top 3 has been working hard to meet that objective through strong leadership and sponsorship of wing events.

So far, this year the Top 3 has hosted the 116th Air Control Wing’s first awards banquet with Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Inskeep and Master Sgt. Tony Boyd at the helm.

Senior Master Sgt. James “Jim” Sargent steered the Top 3 as they sponsored and served April’s Single Airmen’s Dinner at the base chapel. Sargent and the Top 3 provided a barbecue for more than 150 single airmen across the base.

Master Sgt. Janet Dixon, Senior Master Sgt. James Roberts and Master Sgt. Bernard Flowers are leading the Top 3 in sponsoring the summer’s first Wing Family Appreciation Day.

Master sergeants Bradley Gibson and Billy Cutshaw are leading the organization in honoring the newest enlisted leaders with a wing Senior

Noncommissioned Officer Induction Ceremony.

In October 2002, the first Future Total Force Wing stood up when the 116th Bomb Wing and the 93rd Air Control Wing blended to form the 116th Air Control Wing. The result has been more involvement and leadership by the wing’s senior NCOs. The show of support by senior NCOs has improved esprit de corps and increased membership within the Top 3. The organization is still striving for 100 percent participation by senior NCOs, but more importantly the group is striving to show unity and establish the Top 3 as an organization dedicated to bettering the community.

“Since the merger, we want to sponsor more events and accomplish more for wing members and the community,” Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Inskeep, president of the Top 3, said. “We are looking at a more aggressive agenda this year. Our organization began the initial planning for the wing’s first combined Family Appreciation Day to be held in September and will be sponsoring a Christmas tree decorating ceremony in the Outback later this year.”

The Top Three’s Executive Council has four officers: President - Inskeep; Vice President - Boyd; Treasurer - Master Sgt. Greg Wooten; and Secretary - Tech. Sgt. Sandra Rios.



Submitted photo

Master Sgt. Ricardo Williams prepares barbecue chicken and burgers for the Single Airman's Dinner at the base chapel annex April 29.

What to know:

The Top 3 meets the second Tuesday of every month at the Enlisted Club at 3 p.m., and Sundays the Unit Training Assembly meets at 9 a.m. in the wing conference room. All senior NCOs and E-7 selects are encouraged to attend and participate. For further information contact any of the Top 3’s executive council, members, or Chief Master Sgt. Donald Camp, 116th ACW command chief master sergeant.

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Don't let technology blind you to heroes around you

By Lt. Col. Carl Unholz Jr.
78th Communications Squadron commander

As awe-inspiring and necessary to our world as it is, technology has its limits. So what can it not do? How about —

- ☞ Shake your hand
- ☞ Give you a pat on the back for a job well done
- ☞ Smile in encouragement
- ☞ Wish you a happy birthday
- ☞ Whistle a happy tune in the middle of the day for no reason.



Unholz

A little silly, you think? Maybe. But this is silliness with a point. Since technology dominates our work centers, it takes an extra effort to get to know people.

Not so long ago, technology's role was to help us complete the mission, perhaps to provide an easier way to do business. In these times of personnel cutbacks and thin staffs, technology has become critical to getting the job done. It is no longer a convenience. It is a necessity that has paved the way for a less personal way of conducting day-to-day business.

Sometimes we just don't know who to call to fix a problem. We don't have contacts who can grease the skids to make something happen. Voice recordings respond to our telephone calls. We communicate through voice and e-mail messages. Managers and supervisors are stuck behind their desks keeping up with the communications. They more often than not are too busy to be "out there" mentoring or just talking to their subordinates.

It's almost refreshing to force technology, even for a little while, to take a back seat to the good old fashioned face-to-face meeting. It's interesting that when people take the time to understand each other's

needs, innovative solutions can result. It happened for the 78th Communications Squadron last fall.

We participated in a Lean event with members of DISA and WR-ALC/MA2. It marked the first time multiple organizations came together for a Lean event. The objective was to determine how dissimilar organizations and functions could be integrated to provide more timely help desk support to customers. The event was successful because members of the organizations were able to get to know each other and understand how each operates. That accomplished, participants rolled up their sleeves in work sessions where they identified several quick fixes and follow-on initiatives that greatly benefited the Robins' network and application user community. We're experiencing similar successes as we work with members of WR-ALC/MAC to stand up an Information Technology Directorate.

Everyone agrees that dealing with technology can be frustrating. New systems tend to be fraught with bugs, or don't fully meet user requirements. Consequently, users often deal with the aggravation of spending time to find work-arounds, or initiating what can be an exasperating search for help. People caught in those circumstances may be testy when they finally reach a real-life person.

Through the years, my duties have put me in a position where I've had to approach people whose frustrations so affected their emotions that they were mistreating the people trying to help them. I learned that most of the time people who let their emotions get out of control regretted their actions. As customer-oriented, service providing organizations, we should always act with courtesy and professionalism toward each other as well as our customers.

The key to understanding our fellow team members is to know them. A friendly "hi"

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goes a long way toward promoting cooperative relationships, whether it's in your own office or outside your organization.

Let's not let technology blind us to the everyday heroes around us. Georgia Attorney General Thurbert E. Baker uses the phrase "heroes and sheroes" to describe those incredible individuals. We are all doing our part, working beneath the banner of the greatest country in the world. If you call a service provider for help, remember you have a real person on the other end of the line who really wants to solve your problem.

I'd like you to know about a few outstanding members of the 78th Communications Squadron team:

■Senior Airman **Jessica Jackson**, married and a mother of a one-year-old daughter, who came to Robins as a medical lab technician. She cross-trained, completed technical school with a 97 percent average and is an information manager for the squadron's commander support staff. Like many at Robins, she is learning and growing. She is also a representative of the many three-levels on Robins who hit the ground running without the luxury of gradual training indoctrination. Our current force structure demands that three-levels are used to their fullest from the get go.

■**Tim Kelly**, a Mercer University graduate and member of Team Robins for 21 years. A former Directorate of Maintenance production controller, he transferred to the communications squadron and became a computer programmer. Among his many contributions, he coded software in support of the Technical Data

Management System in use at the ALCs. A heroic feat in itself, but Tim is legally blind which makes him an incredible symbol of someone overcoming obstacles to achieve his goals.

■Contractor **Deb Coddling**, who co-authored two textbooks published by McGraw-Hill. She worked with the squadron before Hewlett Packard transferred her to Atlanta. She missed us and returned, vowing never to leave again. She has been key to several network projects - the most recent being the Combat Information Transport System - which has made our current network backbone speeds 10 times faster.

■Maj. **Bindley Williams**, a native Georgian and a private information technology contractor who serves with the squadron as an augmentee. He was the squadron's router manager during extended duty hours after the 9/11 tragedy. Maj. Williams is an example of the many IMAs who have left their civilian lives and work to assist Robins when they were called on.

There are so many more across the base, people like Cpl. Roger Jamerson and all the other great personnel working the gates who start our day with a friendly smile; 1st Lt. Joe Kirkman, Capt. Nicola Adams, and the medical staff who keep us fit for duty; Mrs. Lenora Lundy and others who take care of our children; and Chaplain Dennis Hutson who was there for us when we lost a member of our squadron. And I would like to thank all of you, the members of the Robins community, for being who you are - the people behind the technology; the s/heroes who make it all happen.

On my intended nomination to serve as Secretary of the Army

On May 7, 2003, the President of the United States announced his intent to nominate me as Secretary of the United States Army. I am deeply honored by his confidence in my ability to lead the Army, and have informed the President that, if nominated and confirmed, I will serve.

In doing so, I ask you to understand that this acceptance reflects a commitment to one of our core values, "Service Before Self." My service is no different than any officer, non-commissioned officer, airman, or civilian who is asked to accept an assignment in the interests of our armed forces. I have sworn an oath to support and defend this great nation, and to obey our Commander-in-Chief — I will remain faithful to these sacred compacts.

While honored, I recognize that this nomination is more a reflection of your dedication, your excellence, your loyal service to the nation, and your great success in accomplishing our mission. Over the past two years, you have repeatedly delivered for our nation — from the defense of our skies to the global war on terrorism, all while transforming our force to meet the needs of a new era with dangerous new threats to our way of life. We are the best Air Force in the world; and we will remain so because of the over 700,000 dedicated officer, enlisted and civilian airmen who understand how to fly, fix, launch, support, defend, and employ air and space power.

There are several steps to go in the nomination and confirmation process. Should my nomination advance to the Senate, it will require hearings before the Armed Services Committee and must be voted on by the full Senate. Nothing should be presumed as definitive at this point. If I do become Army Secretary, Diane and I will leave the Air Force with some of the most indelible and inspirational experiences of our lives. We will miss the camaraderie and esprit of all the airmen we've met. Diane will cherish the wonderful time she has spent with dear -- and from here on, life-long — friends such as Ellen Jumper. And I will be forever ennobled by having the opportunity to work with and learn from such incredible leaders as John Jumper and Peter Teets.

In the meantime, I will continue to work vigorously to overcome the challenges we face, accomplish our mission with excellence, and care for our Air Force family. So, let's keep plugging away on making the future Air Force the Service of pride, the Service that wonderful warriors like General John Jumper want it to be, and the Service to which you have dedicated your lives.

— **James G. Roche**
Secretary of the Air Force



Roche

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins



Col. Tom Smoot, Jr.
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Commanders' Action Line

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam
Commander,
Warner Robins
Air Logistics Center



provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Duck Lake problem

We enjoy living on this beautiful base, and take every opportunity to appreciate our surroundings. We have noticed, with growing dismay, the growing litter and trash problem at Duck Lake. Recently, we organized some of the neighborhood children and had a lake clean-up day and collected 15 trash bags full of garbage. In addition, we took the children out in a canoe and collected the floating debris to further add to our collection. We were able to enjoy a lovely spring day in the south, teach our children a valuable lesson about our environment, and even get some exercise. However, I would like to know what can be done about this problem. You would be amazed at the scope of garbage we found, everything from hundreds of cigarette butts and alcohol containers to fishing lures and articles of clothing. In fact, the kids were so upset at the amount of pollution, that they spent more of their time writing about the pollution they saw. I think residents of this base need to be

reminded of how we should treat our natural resources.

Col. Smoot replies: Thank you for your concern regarding the beauty of our natural environment and your initiative to organize the cleanup project you described. Duck Lake receives much of its inflow from a drainage stream that originates off base. A bar screen (i.e., a device that looks like a rake) in this stream, as well as some others that enter Robins AFB, should intercept and capture floating debris before these materials enter the base and reach water bodies such as Duck Lake. Significant rains, such as that experienced this late winter and early spring, sometimes overwhelm and can even damage the bar screens, allowing yard waste and trash to flow through and over these devices. The removal of debris from base lakes is occasionally performed via volunteer projects, much like the project you arranged. Because the removal of trash from lakes, streams, and forests is not considered part of normal grounds maintenance, all of us in the Robins community need to help with ensuring that these natural areas are not

defaced by litter. Environmental Management and Base Civil Engineering will examine the condition of these bar screens to determine if they need repairs and will also evaluate the possibility of installing additional debris collection devices at key locations. In addition, Duck Lake has 10 litter cans that are serviced every Friday. Scout Lake has two litter cans and the Nature Center (Camp Ground) have 16 litter cans, which are serviced every Friday during the months of October through March. During the months of April through September, Scout Lake and the Nature Center are serviced every Friday and Monday. We'll continue to encourage litter prevention with the use of these litter cans. Again, thank you and the children for your efforts to keep our community beautiful, and thank you for teaching the children this valuable lesson. From your call and this response, I would hope everyone would make a concerted effort to dispose of litter properly so that we can further enjoy our beautiful base, especially the unique attributes of our lakes.



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we love america

Robins Elementary School students entertain crowd during 9th annual concert at the Museum of Aviation



Kindergarten students sing 'Deep in the Heart of Texas' during the 'We Love America' program Monday. This year's theme was 'Portraits of America.' The students performed patriotic songs, as well as songs that referred to different parts of the country such as 'Rocky Top' and 'Georgia on My Mind.' The Reserve Generation Band accompanied the children on some of the songs.



Clockwise, from top left: First-grader Kelley Jordan portrays the 'Little Ole Lady from Pasadena' during the performance. Families and friends enjoy the evening concert at the Museum of Aviation Amphitheatre. Third-graders Daryus Bellamy, Anthony Melendez, strumming the banjo, and Trevor Krulcik perform 'Oh Susanna.' Salana Young, Alyssa Morgan, Mark Denney, Lani Villanueva, Katherine Cotton, Shane Spring and Lizzie Flake explain the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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ROBINS CLUBS

The **Procurement Toastmasters Club** meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at noon in the Contracting Directorate’s conference room, north end of Bldg. 300. For information on the organization, call James Gordon at 926-0061 or Lily Fickler at 926-2825.

The **Ravens Toastmasters Club** meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 11 a.m. in the Special Operations Forces Management Directorate’s conference room No. 1, Bldg. 300, East Wing, door E-4. For information, call Eddie Sanford, 926-1185.

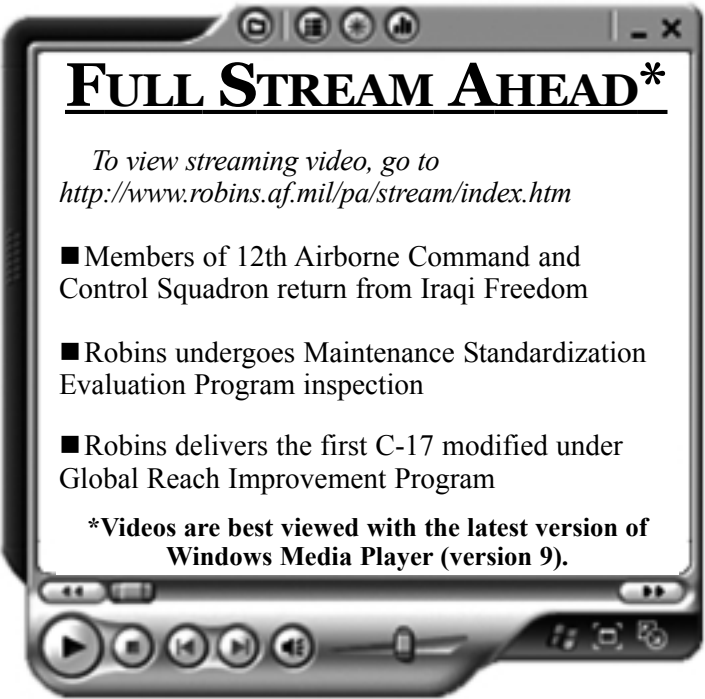
The **Robins’ Voices International Training in Communication Club** meets the first Thursday of each month at 11:45 a.m. in the special functions room of the base restaurant. For information on the communication organization, call Evelyn Fountain, 926-7429 or Nancy Kwiatkowski, 923-1752.

To have your club or group’s information included or updated, submit it to Angela Trunzo in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 106, by e-mail at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil or by fax at 926-9597.

ROBINS REPORT

News from around base — *Watson and Cox Channel 15*
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CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Catholic CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

Protestant Gospel Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m. in the base chapel.

Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. every Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Protestant religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Today
7:30 p.m. — What a Girl Wants —
Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth

Daphne, a spirited young American girl, travels to London in search of her long-lost father, an influential aristocratic politician. As Daphne attempts to prove that love can conquer all, her impulsive behaviors creates an uproar in high society, where her unique style threatens to undermine the relationship she has waited her whole life to experience.

Rated PG (mild language) 104 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. — A Man Apart — Vin Diesel, Larenz Tate

A mysterious man known only as Diablo takes over a powerful drug cartel when the former boss goes to prison. That former drug lord then teams up with a DEA agent (Diesel) and his partner (Tate) to try to take down Diablo.

Rated R (strong graphic violence, language, drug content and sexuality) 109 minutes



The difference

By Retired Lt. Gen. Edward J. Heinz

Over the years, I’ve talked a lot about military spouses...how special they are and the price they pay for freedom, too. The funny thing about it is most military spouses don’t consider themselves different from other spouses.

They do what they have to do, bound together not by blood or merely friendship, but with a shared spirit whose origin is in the very essence of what love truly is. Is there truly a difference? I think there is. You have to decide for yourself.

Other spouses get married and look forward to building equity in a home and putting down family roots. Military spouses get married and know they’ll live in base housing or rent, and their roots must be short so they can be transplanted frequently.

Other spouses decorate a home with flair and personality that will last a lifetime. Military spouses decorate a home with flair tempered with the knowledge that no two base houses have the same size windows or same size rooms. Curtains have to be flexible and multiple sets are a plus. Furniture must fit like puzzle pieces.

Other spouses have living rooms that are immaculate and seldom used. Military spouses have immaculate living room-dining room combos. The coffee table got a scratch or two moving from Germany, but it still looks pretty good.

Other spouses say good-bye to their spouse for a business trip and know they won’t see them for a week. They are lonely, but can survive. Military spouses say good-bye to their deploying spouse and know they won’t see them for months, or for a remote, a year. They are lonely, but will survive.

Other spouses, when a washer hose blows off, call Maytag and then write a check out for getting the hose reconnected. Military spouses will cut the water off and fix it themselves.

Other spouses get used to say-

ing “hello” to friends they see all the time. Military spouses get used to saying “good-bye” to friends made the last two years.

Other spouses worry about whether their child will be class president next year. Military spouses worry about whether their child will be accepted in yet another new school next year.

Other spouses can count on spouse participation in special events...birthdays, anniversaries, concerts, football games, graduation, and even the birth of a child. Military spouses only count on each other; because they realize that the Flag has to come first if freedom is to survive. It has to be that way.

Other spouses put up yellow ribbons when the troops are imperiled across the globe and take them down when the troops come home. Military spouses wear yellow ribbons around their hearts and they never go away.

Other spouses worry about being late for mom’s Thanksgiving dinner. Military spouses worry about getting back from Japan in time for dad’s funeral.

And the television program showing an elderly lady putting a card down in front of a long, black wall that has names on it touches other spouses. The card simply says “Happy Birthday, Sweetheart. You would have been 60 today.” A military spouse is the one with the card. And the wall is the Vietnam Memorial.

I would never say military spouses are better or worse than other spouses are. But I will say there is a difference.

And I will say that our country asks more of military spouses than is asked of other spouses. And I will say, without hesitation, that military spouses pay just as high a price for freedom as do their active duty husbands or wives.

Perhaps the price they pay is even higher. Dying in service to our country isn’t near as hard as loving someone who has died in service to our country, and having to live without them.

God bless our military spouses for all they freely give. And God bless America.

DEPLOYED SPOUSES’ RESOURCES



78th Air Base Wing Chapel:

Deployed spouses Q & A

Q. Do chaplains provide counseling for military spouses and children?

A. Our military spouses and children are very important and appreciated by the Robins Chapel. Having a loved one deploy can be difficult, but a listening ear and valuable guidance can be a tremendous help. Counseling sessions are free, and chaplains must provide privileged confidentiality. Chaplains will not reveal communication to the sponsor, the sponsor’s commander or first sergeant, or any other military agency. We want spouses to know we are here if they need to talk.

Q. How can chaplains help when my spouse returns from a deployment?

A. Military chaplains can help with the transitions that come when your spouse returns from deployment. Sometimes, visiting a chaplain for one or two marital counseling sessions could prevent transition difficulties. Also, it’s not a bad idea to renew marriage vows after a long deployment. Rededicating one’s marriage is important. The chapel offers marriage conferences such as the upcoming conference June 7. For more information, on keeping marriages strong, see the chapel for materials.

Q. Will chaplains pray for my spouse while he or she is deployed?

A. Chaplains can provide prayer power for you and your deployed loved ones. We love our military spouses and military children. We are your chaplains as well as the one who wears the uniform. You are some of the greatest American wives, husbands, and children. Without your love, encouragement, inspiration, and sacrifices, freedom could not be preserved and advanced as well as it has been. You are the true patriots. We thank you and we love you. Call the chapel at 926-2821, if we can be of assistance.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794. Hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Center closed

The Family Support Center and Family Services loan closet and Airman’s Attic will close at noon today, to attend a squadron event. Normal services will resume Monday 7:30 a.m.

Community tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Community Tour for all Team

Robins members and their eligible family members, Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at the Family Support Center.

Sponsorship training

The Center’s Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors Wednesday, 2-3:30 p.m., in Bldg. 945, FSC Annex.

Jr. Smooth move

The Center’s Relocation Assistance Program has a workshop for kids of military and DoD civilians on the move. The workshop will be held Thursday, 4 - 5:30 p.m., in Bldg. 945, FSC annex. Space is limited so early registration is required.

Center closed

The Family Support Center and Family Services loan closet and Airman’s Attic will be closed May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. Normal services will resume May 27 at 7:30 a.m.

Bundles for babies & infant care

The Air Force Aid Society will conduct a Bundles For Babies & Infant Care class May 28, 8 a.m. - noon, Bldg. 827, (old base gym) HAWC classroom. The course for all active duty Air Force families preparing for a new baby. Discussions cover early childhood development, attachment, infant care, practical preparation and financial preparation.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Aero Club 926-4867

A private pilot ground school will begin May 28; lasting approximately six weeks, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$500 per person. Registration will be held May 19 - 28 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Aero Club, Bldg. 186.

Family Child Care 926-6741

The Family Child Care monthly training for base and state providers will be held Monday from 6 - 8 p.m. in the training room at the FCC office located upstairs in Bldg. 767.

Family Swimming 926-4001

The indoor fitness center pool is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m. The pool is closed the first and third Sunday of each month. Children 16 years and younger require parental supervision at the pool. For more infor-

mation, call Outdoor Recreation at 926-4001.

Information, Tickets and Travel 926-2945

Monthly yard sales will be held at the Smith Community Center, Bldg. 767, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. June 7, July 12, Aug. 2, Sept. 6, Oct. 4 and Nov. 1. Cost of tables is \$7 each and should be paid for prior to Saturday the event. Tables can be set up beginning at 7 a.m. To make reservations, visit the ITT office, Bldg. 767.

Officers’ Club 926-2670

■ Kid’s Night is Monday from 6 - 8:30 p.m. with a special drawing for DVDs for spouses attending in addition to the children’s prizes, buffet and drawings.

■ A Preferred Plus! Membership dinner and dance will be held May 23. Dinner will be served from 6 - 8 p.m.

and Tommy West and the Sensations will entertain from 8 - 11 p.m.

Outdoor Recreation Center 926-4001

Register for swimming lessons at Outdoor Recreation Center for children ages 2 to 13 years of age. Classes will be held at Crestview pool in two-week sessions, Tuesday through Friday. Class dates are June 10 - 20; June 24 - July 4; July 8 - 18 and July 22 - Aug. 1. Cost of Mommy and Me toddler classes (ages 2 - 3) are \$30 per child. Cost of beginner, intermediate and advance classes (ages 4 - 13) will be \$40 per child. All fee are due at time of registration.

Youth Center 926-2110

A dance will be held at the Youth Center Saturday, 6 - 9 p.m. Member cost with card is \$3 and nonmember cost is \$5.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fitness Center 926-2128

■ May Fitness Month continues throughout May with the following activities: Functional Training Clinic today, 11 a.m. - noon; Predict Your Time 5K Run/Walk Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Bench Press Competition May 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Chair Massage by appointment, May 20, 10 - 11 a.m. and Kids Jump Roping from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Youth Center; Self-Defense Clinic on May 21, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Bone Density Screening, May 22, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and a Supplements Seminar, May 23, 11 a.m. - noon at the HAWC. Fitness Month Bingo will be held for active duty, retirees, reservists and their family members and DoD civilian members of the fitness center throughout the month. Sports Day will be held May 30 with activities throughout the day for all base personnel. Most activities will be held at the Fitness Center unless noted. Some activities require advance sign-up. For complete details and schedules of events contact the Fitness Center at 926-2128, the HAWC at 327-8480 or go online at www.robins.af.mil/services.

■ Five-person teams are forming now through May 19 for the fourth annual Bed Race to be held May 30 at 11:30 a.m. in conjunction with sports day. Each team member will receive an event T-shirt and winning teams will receive first, second and third place trophies along with the “Peoples Choice” trophy. For complete details or to enter a team call Cheryl Dollard at 926-2105.

■ An America’s Kids Run will be held May 31 at 9 a.m. for children of all ages. Events will include a one-mile run/walk, javelin throw and standing long jump. Children will receive a T-shirt and a certificate of participation.



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Shane Saffold, a civilian from WR-ALC/MA with the time of 17:48:69, was one of two people who took part in the indoor triathlon at the Fitness Center Monday. The winner was 1st Lt. Benjamin Boehm with the time of 17:11:97.

Golf Course 926-4103

■ A Junior Golf Academy will be held June 2 - 5 and 9 - 12 for kids ages seven and older. Cost is \$40 per person and class size is limited. Register at Pine Oaks Golf Course pro shop.

■ Bring your used Callaway Golf club to the pro shop and get a substantial credit toward the purchase of the latest models. The value of the traded club will be deducted from the cost of the new club. For information contact the golf course.

Robins Lanes 926-2112

■ NASCAR fans will be racing to the Robins Lanes Bowling Center starting May 22 for a chance to win a VIP trip to a NASCAR Winston Cup Series Race

or other prizes. Visit the bowling snack bar for a scratch-and-win card today.

■ An Alibi tournament will be held tomorrow. Bowl four games across eight lanes and throw out the low game. There will be separate division for men and women. Cost is \$18 per bowler.

■ Bowlers who participate in the summer 12-week league will receive an officially licensed NASCAR jacket at the end of the season. The league begins May 22, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ Senior citizens can bowl the entire month of May for \$1.50 per game during open bowling to celebrate Senior Citizens month.

Sign up for Sports Day through Tuesday

Sports Day will offer a series of events open to all active duty, retired, Reserve, Defense Department civilians, contractors and family members May 30. Squadrons and individuals may sign up for events through their unit sports representative through Tuesday. For more details on Sports Day events, go to www.robins.af.mil/services or call the fitness center at 926-2128.

Schedule: 7:45 a.m. Shot gun golf ; **8 a.m.** Racquetball (singles) and peddle, pad-

dle, pat relay; **9 a.m.** Men's 3-on-3 basketball and 100-meter run; **9:30 a.m.** 4 by 200 meter relay and 4 by 400 meter relay; **10 a.m.** One-mile run, sand volleyball and home run derby; **11:30 a.m.** Bed race and one-pitch softball; 1 p.m. Tennis (singles) and bowling; **2 p.m.** Women's 3-on-3 basketball and skeet shooting; **3 p.m.** Tug-of-war; **4 p.m.** Trophy presentation.

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ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

The **Military Personnel Flight** will close today at noon for a squadron function. The MPF will resume regular business hours Monday. If anyone has an emergency, call 954-2774 or 397-7173.

The **Legal Office** will be closed for an internal function from 1:30 - 5 p.m. Monday. The on-call JAG will be available through the command post to handle emergency situations.

The **Air Force Cadet Officer Mentor Action Program**, or AFCOMAP, Middle Georgia Chapter cordially invites all officers to the National Charter Ceremony Luncheon Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. in the Officer's Club ballroom. The Keynote Speaker for the ceremony will be Gen. Lester Lyles, Air Force Materiel Command commander. Tickets for the luncheon are \$10. For more information, or for tickets, contact Capt. Vanessa Grant at 926-0699, or Maj. Prudence Anderson at 327-7575.

A **reunion for current and former 5th Combat Communications Group members** will be held May 23-25. Events planned include golfing, a trip to Andersonville, a social and a formal dinner. For more information, call 922-1377, 922-5442 or 922-0922; e-mail rtgillis@cox.net or rhsmith343@cox.net; or go to <http://members.cox.net/5thccg2003reunion/5ccg.htm>.

An **advanced motorcycling class** will be offered May 23 and 30. Sign up through Security Forces Pass and ID. For more information, contact the Center Safety Office at 926-6271.

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the National Contract Management Association is sponsoring **Best Contracting Practices for Business**, a one-day seminar designed to meet the educational needs of all government and industry acquisition professionals. The seminar will be held at the Mercer Engineering Research Center on June 6. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m., and the seminar will begin at 9 a.m. The registration fee for the program, which includes the text "World Class Contracting" and snacks, is \$150. Lunch will be "on-your-own." To register, contact Marlene Humphry at 926-2764 or e-mail her at Marlene.Humphry@robins.af.mil

Anyone who has questions or concerns about the **Air Force Community Assessment survey** can call 1-866-753-1450 or local survey chairperson, Carolyn Stevens, at 926-5491.

The Middle Georgia Chapter of National Contract Management Association is offering **college scholarships** to deserving students. Scholarship awards are limited to members in good standing of the last six months with the Middle Georgia Chapter and their dependents. Students must be pursuing a business-related undergraduate or graduate degree. Complete scholarship information and an application are available at <http://pkec.robins.af.mil/NCMA/index.html>, by contacting Anthony Dunn at 926-1019, or by e-mail at Anthony.Dunn@robins.af.mil. The deadline for applications is May 30.

New hours of operation for **WIC — Women Infants Children —Program** are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The program provides free healthy foods and nutritional information to pregnant women, mothers and small children up to age five. The WIC program is free to all who meet the qualifying eligibility requirements. Call the WIC office at 327-8433 to find out if you qualify. The WIC office is in Building 700, Suite H 101.

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Hot wheels



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Fifty bikes were distributed to Robins children Tuesday at Friendship Park. The bikes were donated by the Boys and Girls Club and Kraft Foods.



Above: Reserve Generation Band performs a "Concert in the Park."



Above right: Col. Dan Adams and his wife Maj. Ellen Adams enjoy a hot dog while listening to the band.

Right: Senior Airman Anwar Singleton and son Dominique show off his new bike.



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